



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

AUGUST 2020

BISHOP'S CORNER

3,2,1, Start x 3



Summer is here! However, it is unusually quiet this year. I wonder “Why?” I know. There’s no music in the air. I don’t hear “The beat of the taiko goes boom, boom, boom” for Bon Dance.

Our circumstances this year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, prevents us from gathering at our temples for any large scale O-Bon Services and festive Bon Dances. Truly, unfortunate, but at Headquarters we were determined that the Coronavirus may prevent us from physically gathering, but it will not stop us from expressing and celebrating our spirituality, awareness, joy, gratitude and sense of community. We just have to do it differently this year.

As Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, we have delved into the virtual world as we have never done before and will continue to do so, so that we can continue to be able to keep connected with you and share the Wisdom and Compassion of the Buddha-Dharma with many more people.

This year especially this summer, I would like to encourage you to view, at least, three online videos for your enrichment, enjoyment and expression of your Buddhist spirituality. Hence, the title of this message “3, 2, 1 Start x 3.” For those who may need help to view them, I encourage you to ask family and/or friends especially younger people for their assistance and invite them to view it together with you. All of the 3 videos can be viewed on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube Channel by going to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Website at hongwanjihawaii.com and clicking the YouTube banner which appears at the top.

Video #1 “Bon Service for Hawaii”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asvFc7J76Mk>

At the beginning of the Pandemic, it was feared that we would not be able to gather at our beloved temples to observe O-Bon services. We would not be able to remember our deceased loved ones. We would lose a moment to reflect on their life and the relationship we have with our dearly departed and others. We would lose an opportunity to realize the preciousness and

oneness of all life. We would, then, not be able to rejoice on that which makes our life meaningful. Finally, we would not be able to positively respond in gratitude to all that makes life so special especially the warm and compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, who is promising all life, unconditionally, supreme and perfect Enlightenment. In short, we would miss our “Gathering of Joy” or O-Bon as it is known in Jodo Shinshu, Hongwanji. This would be a great loss! Thus, the idea of a virtual State-wide Bon Service for Hawaii was conceived. It premiered on July 11 and 12 on the HHMH YouTube Channel, but is still available for viewing until September 15, 2020. Donations can be made to temple(s) of your choice online. Please view it as an expression of your reverence for the Buddha and in remembrance of your loved ones.



Video #2 “Bon Dance Experience”

(Premiere date: August 15, 2020)

Similar to the situation with O-Bon Services, it was anticipated that this year, in all probability, no Bon Dances could also be held. Every year, thousands and thousands of people throughout Hawaii look forward to local temple bon dances in their communities for spiritual comfort, fun, camaraderie, good food and fellowship. How unfortunate if we totally miss out. The virtual State-wide Bon Dance will premiere on August 15, 2020 on the HHMH YouTube Channel. Donations can be made to your local temple online. Please join us for an evening of bon dance music and dancing in your own home and enjoy the virtual Bon Dance with special messages from the Office of the Bishop. The video will be available until September 15, 2020 for viewing.

Video #3 “Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude”

(First premiered from July 8-11, 2020 on Olelo 53 with other showings scheduled for August 1, 2020 on the HHMH YouTube Channel)



Last year (2019) was the 130th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. An idea to capture some of the thoughts and feelings of our Hongwanji Sangha members, both young and old, was envisioned by Irene Nakamoto and the Headquarters Office. With the full support of the Propagation Grant Committee which funded the creation of the video, a 10-minute video

commemorating the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s 130 years in Hawaii and capturing some valuable spiritual contributions as expressed by young and old were captured on film by Mark Nitta. Please view the short video with your family, friends and fellow Sangha members to confirm the valuable significance of the Buddha-Dharma and its continued impact on our lives. Let us be encourage and inspired to pass on and share these Teachings with future generations of the people of Hawaii.

To conclude, a final word of thanks to the Hawaii Kyodan New Expressions Committee, the Monshinto Task Force and the Social Media Team including the State Ministers Association for spearheading and your continuing online endeavors in this most challenging of time of COVID-19, with so much suffering and loss of life. Let us be supported, motivated and inspired to persevere and do all we can to improve this situation by remembering how interconnected and interrelated all of our lives are. O-Bon is the perfect time for this kind of reflection, realization and response. It is a time to think about the past, the present and the future, and all peoples and all life, all existence! Thank you very much.

In gassho, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion (Amida Buddha)

Bishop Matsumoto's video messages are also available on the HHMH YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVvE>

OBITUARY NOTICE

Mrs. Rose Sadako Nakamura passed away on July 10, 2020 at the age of 91. She was the co-founder of Project Dana and served as the Founding Administrator from 1989 to 2017, an Honorary Advisor of HHMH, a former President of Hawaii Federation of BWA, a former President of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, and a President of Moiliili Hongwanji BWA.

The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service which is currently being coordinated by the Office of the Bishop and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, will be held at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. An invitation will be extended only to immediate family members due to the current situation of COVID-19. The public Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service is being planned to be held after the current situation with the Pandemic improves.

2021 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION EVENT CANCELED

Since 1976, every year, we joyously honor the Living Treasures of Hawaii™ who demonstrate excellence in their fields and make significant contributions towards enriching our society. However, given the growing concerns around COVID-19, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has made the difficult decision to forgo accepting nominations for the 2021 Living Treasures of Hawaii and cancel the in-person recognition luncheon program.

Today more than ever, our community needs those individuals who selflessly give of themselves to preserve and perpetuate our culture and build a more harmonious and compassionate society for all. We encourage the nomination of these lights within our community during the nomination period next year and look forward to recognizing these Living Treasures in 2022. Updates will be shared on [our Living Treasures page](#).

HHMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/>

HHMH 130TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO

8/01 7:00pm Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude

BON VIDEOS

7/11-12 [Bon Service for Hawaii](#)

8/09 10:00am Bon Japanese Service

8/15 7:00pm Bon Dance Experience

ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

7/05 11:00am [Bishop Eric Matsumoto \(HQ\)](#)

7/19 11:00am [Rev. Kazunori Takahashi \(HQ\)](#)

7/26 11:00am Rev. Masanari Yamagishi (HQ)

8/02 11:00am Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (BSC)

8/09 11:00am Rev. Ai Hironaka (Lahaina Hongwanji Mission)

8/16 11:00am Rev. Tomo Hojo (West Kauai Hongwanji Mission)

8/23 11:00am Rev. Sol Kalu (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)

8/30 11:00am Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (Papaikou Hongwanji Mission)

HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE4m3v1KMF8&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfelHck0UAXLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays 12:00pm “Health Care Treasures” and Essential Workers

The following series of online programs are available on-demand on the YouTube Channel. Please enjoy listening to the Dharma Messages repeatedly.

STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN54tvFJtMYBz8_AnnpQpi_i

SENSEIS SAY “HELLO!” SHORT MESSAGES FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN6JBTd8tfR3iJlPbKTGa7-K>

... from the president's corner

Aloha Everyone!

I hope you are all healthy and well as we continue to wear our mask, wash our hands, and do six feet distancing to be safe. This seems to be a mantra which must be instilled in each of us as we work together to stop the spread of the corona virus. Each day we sadly lose countless lives as the virus continues to relentlessly resurge and affect all.

Our hope is to return to some form of normalcy in the near future. We regret that we have not been able to conduct public Sunday and Major services. With the recent spike in covid cases, the temple will remain closed until September 6, 2020. We will re-open with the Family Obon Service which was tentatively scheduled in August.

We will continue to have private funeral and memorial services with smaller groups of people. You may call to schedule a private service for your loved one or if you prefer, Rev. Majima will continue to do remote services.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated members and friends who kindly and generously support the temple with thoughtful donations as we face the challenges of keeping the temple doors open and operational. We could not do it without your commitment and support. We thank you for making a difference.

We continue to extend a helping hand to our members who need assistance in purchasing groceries and essential items, picking up medication, or need someone to talk to. Please feel free to call us with your concerns and suggestions.

While the corona virus, recent protests and violence continue to disrupt the peace and harmony in our country, let us continue to be mindful, self-reflect and express our gratitude as we recite Namo Amida Butsu.

Laulau Plate Lunch Fundraiser

The Board of Directors have scheduled a Laulau Plate Lunch fundraiser for Saturday, August 22. We hope to raise some funds to help defray the operational expenses of the temple. Due to sanitation guidelines and physical distancing we needed to select a fundraiser which we could do effectively with only a few volunteers.

The laulau lunch plate will consist of a freshly steamed laulau, lomi salmon, kimchee, and rice. The cost is \$12. Three tickets were sent to each member to sell or purchase. If you need more tickets, please call me at 822-4667. The more we sell the greater our profit will be.

Please send in your payment or unsold tickets by August 7 so we will be able to order the laulaus and purchase the ingredients for the side dishes. Thank you for your cooperation and kokua.

Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support
June 21-July 20, 2020

Memorial Services

In memory of...

Hanako Fujita - David Funamura
Hiroshi Furumoto - Karen Hiranaka
Sakae Hatakeyama - Sharon Contrades
Toshiko Iida - Arleen Fujita, Jennie Nomi
Satsuki Kodani - Clyde Kodani, June Lizama
Mark Morita - Morita Family
Misao Nakamura - Milton Nakamura
Eichi & Fumiko Sadanaga - Karen Goo
Yoshio Shiraki - Mie Shiraki
Laura Toma - Wanda Costa & Toma Family
Kiyochi & Take Uyeda—Marjorie Hirahima

Hatsubon Donation

In memory of ...

Kenzo Kawamoto - Raymond Kawamoto

Obon (Choba) Donation

Neal & Celeste Kakimoto
Gordon Koigawachi
Laurie Kubota & Family
Nancy Masada
Joyce Akagi Nagata
Charlyn Nakamine
Mildred Tsukuda

Donations

Millicent Agena
Walter Agena
Sharon Contrades
Wanda Costa
Josephine Dodo
Frank S. Harada
Fusako Harada
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Hiramoto
Robert Hiraoka
Jonathon Kato
Ralph Kitashima
Joseph Kobayashi
Clyde Kodani
Richard Kubota
Hisao Maeda
Susan Morita
Jessie Muramaru
Teri Murata
Baron Nakamatsu
Roy Nishida
Brian Okamoto
Hidemi & Sally Okamoto
Raymond Paler

Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Eleanor Seshiki
Camilla Sone
Kenneth Takahashi
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Barbara Tsunehiro
Mitsuo Wakumoto
Kathleen Yamamoto
Hazel Yanagida
Grace Yoon

Membership

Mitsuko Higashiyama
Richard Kubota
Nancy Masada
Roy & Leila Nishida
Eleanor Seshiki
Camilla Sone
Barbara Tsunehiro

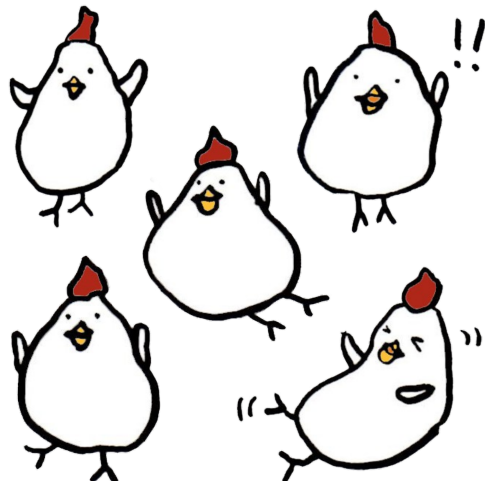
Miscellaneous

Member-Hand Sanitizers-2 gallons
Milton Nakamura-laptop & printer

Volunteer Support

Stanford Iwamoto
Milton Nakamura
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Leslie Tada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Sidney Yanagawa

Thank you
very much.



Memorial Service

AUGUST

Kazuo	Okinaka	33rd	8/1/1988
Mary Masae	Ishii	33rd	8/4/1988
Hideyo	Saiki	50th	8/6/1971
Albert Sadamu	Tsuchiya	13th	8/13/2008
Hazel Shizuyo	Fujimoto	23rd	8/14/1998
Masaki	Sakai	50th	8/16/1971
Kaichi	Kubota	50th	8/17/1971
Fusao	Haraguchi	27th	8/17/1994
Taka	Ueda	50th	8/20/1971
George	Nishida	17th	8/26/2004
Colin Kiyoshi	Sunada	13th	8/26/2008

SEPTEMBER

Kiyochi	Matsushima	13th	9/2/2008
Fusae	Ohara	7th	9/5/2014
Kashiko	Kuboyama	13th	9/7/2008
Sadako	Fujiuchi	17th	9/11/2004
Katsumi	Oda	13th	9/13/2008
Yoneo	Hirata	17th	9/14/2004
Bessie Toshiko	Nagaoka	27th	9/18/1994
Shaku Jojyun	(Satta)	33rd	9/19/1988
Mildred	Okamoto	7th	9/20/2014
Mabel	Sunada	3rd	9/28/2018
Natsuyo	Tada	23rd	9/30/1998



Family Bon Service September 6, 2020

We invite our Sangha and friends to join us in observing the Family Obon Service on Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome our guest speaker, Reverend Kohtoku Hirao, resident minister of the Waimea Shingon Mission.

Obon is one of the most popular of the Buddhist observances known to non-Buddhists. It is seen as an observance solely dedicated to the departed. "In Jodo Shinshu, it is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives."

Let us honor and express our gratitude to our departed ancestors by observing the Family Bon Service together. Due to Corona virus refreshments will not be served.

If you are unable to attend the service and would like to make a donation, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for the thoughtful support during the difficult time. Obon service is a memorial service for the ancestors. If you are planning to have a private gravesite Bon service, please contact the temple at 808.822.4667. There is a limitation for each person's life, but life is passed down from generation to generation and we live in the infinite life. Thank you again for your kind support to keep temple alive.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

The cleaning and flower arrangement schedule resumes from September due to COVID-19 prevention. We will notify you for the schedule in September ONENESS. Thank you very much for your support.

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In Memoriam...

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families who have lost their loved ones.

During this difficult time, Rev. Majima has been holding the memorial services for your loved one since March.

Namo Amida Butsu.

